

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6235  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MASS, PROP, IZ, SA  
SUBJECT: IRAQI REACTION TO AIRCRAFT PACKAGE FOR ISRAEL,  
EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA

REF: BAGHDAD 617

1. OTHER THAN HEAVY SKEPTICISM THAT IT WOULD EVER  
BE DONE, IRAQI OFFICIALS HAVE NOT RAISED WITH US THE  
QUESTION OF PACKAGE ARMS SALE TO ISRAEL, EGYPT AND  
SAUDI ARABIA. WE SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT THEY ARE  
UNHAPPY ABOUT SUCCESSFUL EFFORT BY USG TO ENHANCE  
ARMS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIPS WITH ARAB MODERATES. MAIN  
THEME OF MEDIA IS THAT USG IS SUPPLYING "DEFENSIVE  
AND/OR OUTMODED" AIRCRAFT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND  
EGYPT WHILE SENDING MOST MODERN OFFENSIVE AIRCRAFT  
TO ISRAEL.

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2. CAREFULLY CONTROLLED MEDIA HAVE MADE NO DIRECT  
REFERENCE TO RATIONALE USED BY ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMEN  
FOR SELLING F-15'S TO IRAQ'S NEIGHBOR, BUT SENIOR  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE DOUBTLESS AWARE OF AND  
CONCERNED ABOUT FOCUS OF ATTENTION ON IRAQ AS THREAT  
TO SAUDI ARABIA. THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASINGLY

CRITICAL TONE IN NEWS STORIES ABOUT SAUDI ARABIA, AND  
ONE EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER STATED THAT U.S.  
WARPLANES ARE GOING ONLY TO REGIMES WHICH SUPPORT U.S.  
STRATEGY IN THE REGION AND THAT U.S. WEAPONS WILL BE  
USED TO STRIKE AT ARAB LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.  
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